

# **RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

## **GAS SERVICES DIVISION**

### **GAS UTILITIES INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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**SECTION 1**  
**NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED**

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**DOCKET NO.** -- 9645  
**CAPTION** -- Petition filed by Texas Legal Services Center for Emergency Rulemaking to Suspend Winter Disconnection of Residential Gas Utility Service for Nonpayment Under 16 T.A.C. I 7.45 During the 2005-2006 Heating Season.  
**DATE FILED** -- January 25, 2006  
**FILED BY** -- Neish A. Carroll  
**EXAMINER** -- Mary Ross McDonald

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9646  
**CAPTION** -- Application filed by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex to Abandon Natural Gas Service to Residential Customers in Harrison County, Texas.  
**DATE FILED** -- February 17, 2006  
**FILED BY** -- Daniel R. Renner  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Brock

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9647  
**CAPTION** -- Appeal filed by Centerpoint Energy Entex for Review of Municipal Rate Decision for the City of Goliad.  
**DATE FILED** -- February 17, 2006  
**FILED BY** -- Ann M. Coffin  
**EXAMINER** -- John Chakales

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9648  
**CAPTION** -- Statement of Intent to Increase the Rates in the Environs of Grangerland-Wigginsville Area.  
**DATE FILED** -- February 21, 2006  
**FILED BY** -- Steve Belovsky  
**EXAMINER** -- Mark Brock

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9649  
**CAPTION** -- Petition filed by Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association Requesting the Adoption of Amendments to Rule 7.1115, Title 16, Part 1, Chapter 7, Subchapter B and Rule 7.7001, Title 16, Part 1, Chapter 7, Subchapter G of the Texas Administrative Code pursuant to rule 1.21, Title 16, Part 1, Chapter 1.  
**DATE FILED** -- February 23, 2006  
**FILED BY** -- Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association  
**EXAMINER** -- Steve Pitner

**SECTION 2**  
**APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

None at this time.

**SECTION 3**  
**STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

None at this time.

**SECTION 4**  
**NOTICES OF DISMISSAL**

None at this time.

**SECTION 5**  
**ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION**

None at this time.

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**SECTION 6  
MISCELLANEOUS****STEPHEN L. PITNER, GAS SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR****1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR****A. Publications**

1. Texas Utilities Code Titles 3 and 4. Now available at the State of Texas' website at:  
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/uttoc.html>  
  
Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules. Now available thru the Commission's Website at:  
[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext\\_ViewTAC?tac\\_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext_ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7)
2.
  - a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/TABLECON04.htm>
  - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2003 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents03.html>
  - c. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents02.html>
  - d. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents01.html>
  - e. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000 - \$17.00 (includes statistical data for 1999)
  - f. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999 - \$9.00 (includes statistical data for 1998)
  - g. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1998 - \$7.00 (includes statistical data for 1997)
3. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - \$2.00 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/sixmcf.html>

Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of any of the publications or maps listed in Section A should contact the Central Records Section at 512-463-6887 OR 512-463-6882 P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

**B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits**

We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2005 is 6.00%. All gas utilities should use this rate.

**2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION****A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:**

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building  
1701 North Congress, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78701

Telephone (512) 463-7022

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Ed Abrahamson, Director, Utility Audit Section Shannon Miller, Program Specialist Pearl Rodriguez, Program Specialist Rachel Hampton, Administrative Assistant	Fax	(512) 475-3180
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Stephen Cooper, Senior Auditor	Fax	(512) 475-3180
Houston District- 1706 Seamist Drive. Suite 501 Houston, TX 77008-3135	Telephone	(713) 869-8425
Margie Stoney, Senior Auditor Larry Alcorn, Auditor Dale Francis, Auditor Bryan L. Sparkman, Auditor Konata Uzoma, Auditor	Fax	(713) 869-3219

**B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports**

1. Questions relating to gas utility tax, call Rachel Hampton at (512) 463-7022.
2. Questions relating to annual reports, call Rachel Hampton or Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
3. Inquiries relating to audit reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.

**C. Available Information**

Copies of gas utility annual reports (1999 to present), as well as information relating to any of the above, A through C, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Division, 9th Floor, 1701 North Congress. All requests for copies must be made in writing and should be addressed to the Audit Section. Copies will be provided for a fee, depending on the volume of copy work desired, allow a minimum of five days for completion of requests. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022, or Fax your request to (512) 475-3180.

**3. MARKET OVERSIGHT****A. Maintains the following office to assist you:**

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building  
1701 North Congress, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711  
William O. Geise, Director

Telephone (512) 463-7164

**B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin**

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/raphbls.html>

**C. Proposals For Decision**

Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/pfds.html>

**D. Tariff Filings**

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Kathy Arroyo, Yolanda Lovelace or Marie Blanco at (512) 463-7167.

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**E. Curtailments**

Curtailment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made during hours other than those specified above and holidays, should be made to (512) 463-6788.

**F. Compliance Filings**

Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Mark Brock at (512) 463-7164.

**G. Complaints and Inquiries**

All complaints and inquiries relating to the gas utility industry should be directed to the Market Oversight Section at (512) 463-7164.

**H. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations:**

GUD No. 9277 Amendments to §7.305 Curtailment Rule

**4. HEARINGS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS****A. Miscellaneous**

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.

**B. Status of Pending Cases**

The status of all pending cases listed in Section 3 of this Bulletin is for informational purposes only and is complete up to the time of printing of this Bulletin. For a more accurate status of pending cases, please call the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.